



OCTOBER 2005

OCT. 8th MEETING – YOUNG EAGLES – SPOT LANDING CONTEST – CHILI-FEST & HANGAR DANCE – WOW!

There's a lot on our plate for Saturday, Oct. 8th!

First: At 10:00 AM, at the Chapter Hangar, we'll have the October membership meeting.

Second: Young Eagle Flights – (from Arnie Quast) "...on October 8th (same day as chilifest, spot landings, etc.) a boy scout group that I used to be heavily involved with is going to be camping by the pond at Galt. I have flown them on Young Eagles flights a few times in the past. They are looking to go for rides again (many newer scouts) during their outing on the 8th. There will be approximately 10 to 12 boys... If you can put an e-mail out to our gang to see if we can rally some help, that would be great. I am going to rent a Cherokee for the afternoon to do at least 2 or 3 flights. My home phone number is (815) 363-0708 if anyone has questions. I usually taxi down to the camping area and take them right from there." **How about it, gang?** (We flew 55 Young Eagles after the September meeting – Ed.)

Third: Spot Landing Contest – John Roach says, "Sat. October 8th is looking like a great party day for EAA 932 members and all Galt Airport flyers. During the afternoon, a spot landing contest will examine the aeronautical skills of chapter members...." (see article, "Time to Dust Off Those Basic Flying Skills?" – Ed.)

Fourth: Chilifest and Hangar Dance: (From John Roach) "...starting around 6:00 PM, the annual EAA 932 Chili Fest will feature the *Swinging Music of the 1940s*. Chapter members **and all Galt Airport flyers** are invited to bring their favorite chili dish (with enough to share if they like), any other food they would like to bring, along with their favorite beverages. The Chapter will provide plates, bowls, plastic silverware, and cups. Galt Airport will provide their sound system and a dance floor. And the music will be those great sounds of the 40s provided by recordings of Glenn Miller, Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey, Woody Herman, and other top bands featuring vocals by artists such as Doris Day, the Andrews Sisters, and Peggy Lee. So dust off those dancing shoes, or just come to listen. Remember the date, the evening of October 8th. It promises to be a great party.

DOUG BARTLETT WINS I.A.C. COMPETITION

Doug Bartlett, Galt pilot and member of EAA 932 and the International Aerobatic Club (I.A.C.) Chapter 1 (Based at Galt) won the Intermediate class in the I.A.C. U.S. Nationals on Friday, Sept 30. For details and photos, go to the I.A.C. web site at www.usnationals.net

TIME TO DUST OFF THOSE BASIC FLYING SKILLS?

By John Roach

Attention Galt pilots! It may be time to dust off those basic piloting skills. On Saturday October 8th, EAA Chapter 932 will host a Spot Landing Contest from approximately 2:00 to 4:30 in the afternoon. All Galt pilots are invited to participate in the contest and the family Chili Fest which will begin around 6:00 PM. While student pilots will not be eligible to fly in the Spot Landing Contest, they are eligible to attend both events and to participate as judges in the contest.

There is no entry fee for this contest. Pilots can sign up from Noon to 2 PM at the Chapter Building. Flying will begin around 2:00 and last until 4:00 or 5:00, depending on how many pilots want to fly. Each pilot must make three landings within the contest period to complete their entry.

CONTEST RULES

1. Each pilot will make three full stop landings. The scores for each pilot will be totaled and the pilot with the highest total score will be declared the winner.
2. Pilots must fly a normal flight pattern at normal pattern speeds for the aircraft.
3. All landings are required to be "full stop" landings. The landing point will be when both main gear are in final contact with the ground (following any bounces.)
4. The pilot with the highest point total will be honored with a plaque posted in a prominent position in the FBO for the next year.

CONTEST SCORING: The target landing area will be (marked with) grid lines, (that) will be approximately 20 feet apart. Event judges will determine a point value for each landing. For example: if the touchdown point is between the 90 and the 100 point lines but closer to the 90 point line, 90 points will be awarded. The contest score will be the total of the three attempts.

ANY ACTION DEEMED BY THE JUDGES TO BE CARELESS OR RECKLESS WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

By John Roach

We had a short meeting. Dave Spitzbart gave a quick recap of the financial results from Flyers & Tires. We also followed the meeting with Young Eagles Flights. We flew over fifty Young Eagles – providing lunch for those who showed up while the grill was hot.

The nominating committee should be ready to report the nominations for president and vice president on October 8th.



COULD'VE, WOULD'VE SHOULD'VE

By the editor

We talked about it for years – and we finally signed up for a 17 day circumnavigation of Australia tour in a rented C-172. It was scheduled for this past September.

Early this summer we received word from GOANA, the tour operator, that they were forced, because of a new goods & services tax, increased costs (mostly fuel), and the plummeting value of the U. S. Dollar, to increase the cost of the already pricy tour by nearly 80% to almost \$20,000! (The cost of a factory new Lyc. O-360). Well, we couldn't see the raise and said, "we're out". We should have done it a couple of years sooner. But there's more and it offers some food for thought for us American aircraft owners and pilots. The following excerpts from GOANA's newsletter:



"...we beat fear of terrorism, we have absorbed big increases in landing and airways charges, we beat the SARS threat, we covered rocketing fuel prices, we addressed a new 10% government tax, we beat crippling exchange rates, we have coped with significantly rising government charges and we survived a 500% increase on our hangar site rental, ... but we cannot beat the bureaucrats who have decided that the preservation of our freedom is best served by removing it. On March 10 2005, legislation was passed by the Australian Government as what is (un)popularly known as its 'Enhanced Aviation Security Package'. Unfortunately, it seems to do more damage to aviation than it could ever hope to prevent."

"...would require literally thousands of visitor permits every year, (one for each visit to each airport by each individual) a pilot license acquisition procedure that will take an inordinate time even after you get every question in the 9 pages of the application correct and not be issued until your arrival immigration details are verified 'within 24 to 48 hours'."

"What I am saying is that the new arrangements cannot be managed in a manner consistent with the ability to do business. From 1 st January 2006, the GOANA fleet will be 'mothballed' and some sold off, our hangar similarly leased or sold and the company will cease to trade."

Well, it looks like the terrorists have won another round. It is their stated goal to "destroy their (our) freedom" and they are.

You can read more at <http://www.goana.com.au/main.htm>.

CHAPTER CALENDAR

OCT 8 Meeting, Spot Landings, Hangar Dance (see P.1)

NOV 12 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM ELECTION OF PRES. & V.P. PROGRAM TBA

DEC 10 EAA 932 MEETING 10 AM, PLAN 2006 CALENDAR, PROGRAM TBA

For information on line...

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AOPA: www.aopa.org

EAA: www.eaa.org

FAA: www.faa.gov

EAA 932: www.eaa932.org

IL DOT: www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html

WI DOT: www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html

EAA 932 Meetings 2nd Saturdays @ 10 AM

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THREE RETIRED PILOTS by JH,sr.



OSCAR

FOXY

PAPA

Oscar: "Most guys retire having flown thousands of hours, never having had an accident or serious incident, 'never hurt anybody, never broke anything'."

Foxy: "Some luck, huh?"

Papa: "Yes, if you define luck as, '...merely professionalism and attention to detail, it's your awareness of everything that is going on around you, it's how well you know and understand your airplane and your own limitations'." (Stephen Coonts, *The Intruders*)



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